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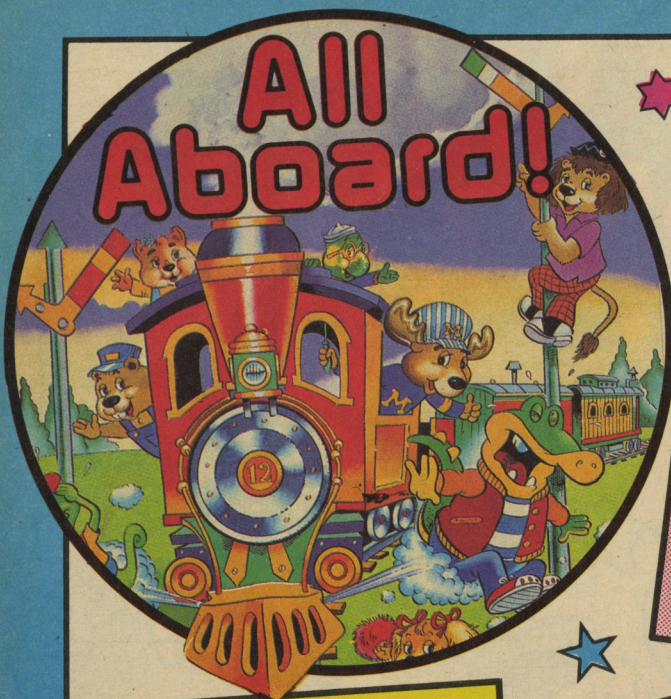
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GET ALONG GANG™





HI GANG!

Spring's almost here! How can I tell? No, it's not because of the blossom on the trees, or the daffodils in the park, or the fact that it's a little lighter in the evenings. I know because Bernice has started to give our Caboose its annual spring-clean! How I dread spring! Dust flying, half the gang's favourite possessions missing, Bernice knocking everyone over with her broom – sigh! This year, we decided to teach her a lesson – but our plan backfired as you'll find out!

Montgomery

Read on

GANG PROJECT

SPRING CLEAN YOUR CABOOSE!

Get together to give your Caboose a loving spring clean! If you haven't got a special meeting place but usually meet in each other's bedrooms, then gang up to help one another give those a clean! All you need is a duster, a broom, a vacuum-cleaner, polish and a little elbow grease!

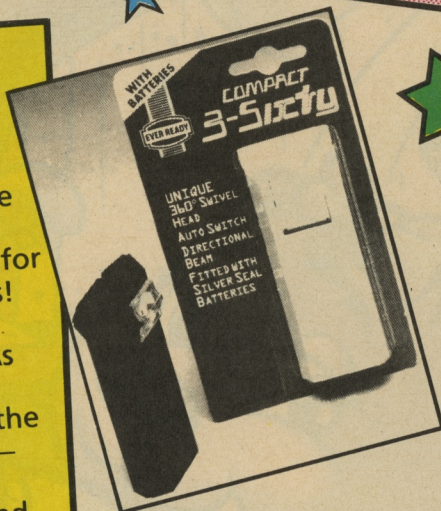


NEXT WEEK...

By popular demand, Homer and Gomer, those naughty Badger ghosts are back and up to mischief – order your Get Along Gang comic now!

A GREAT FREE OFFER FROM EVER READY!

Ever Ready have just introduced a new pocket-sized torch – the Compact 3-Sixty – it's what every Get Along Gang need for their night-time adventures! The torch has a swivel head which turns right around. As an added bonus for you adventure-seeking gangs, the torch can be stood upright – just in case you've got your hands full. The cost is around £2.25 but Ever-Ready are giving away the Compact 3-Sixty pocket torch free to the first fifty readers to send a postcard to: Get Along Gang/Ever Ready Free Offer, 20, Bruton Place, London W1X 7AA.

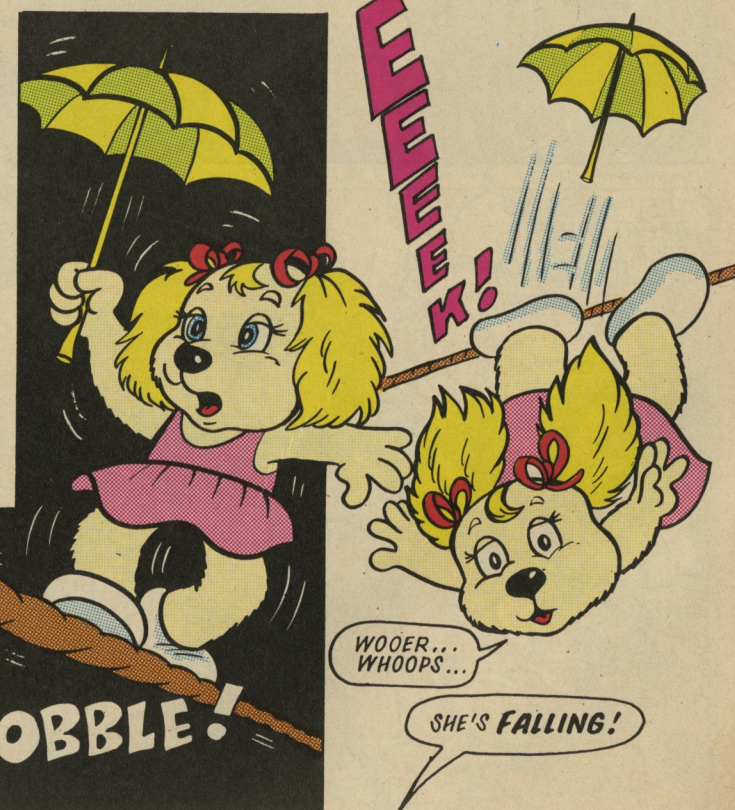
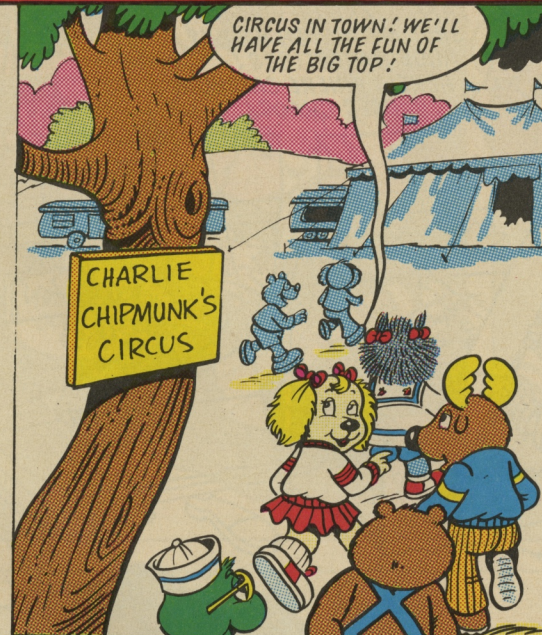


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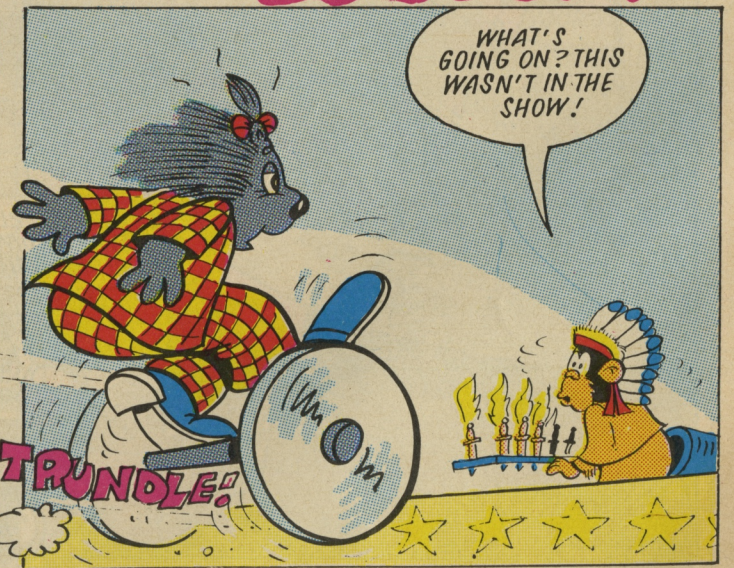
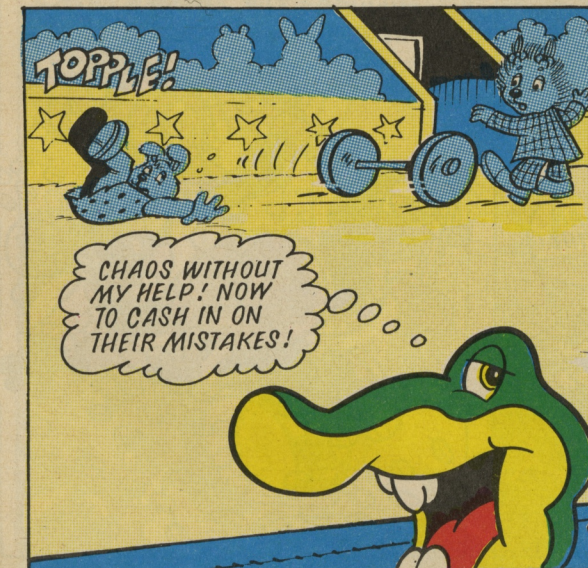
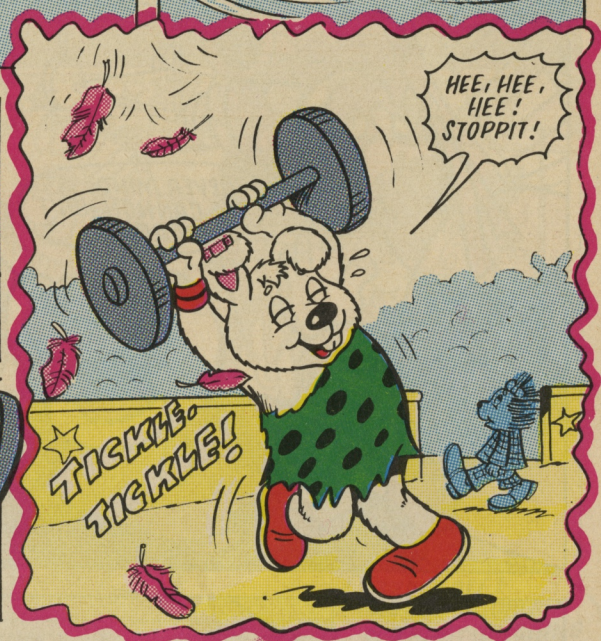
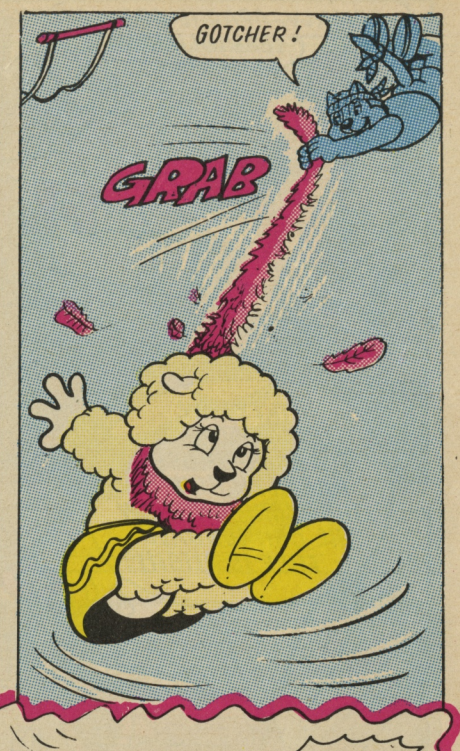
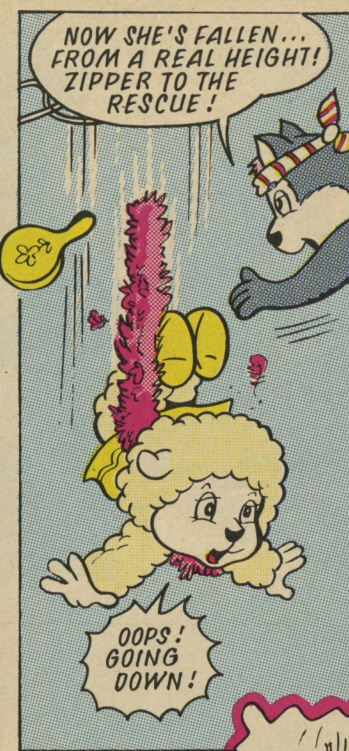
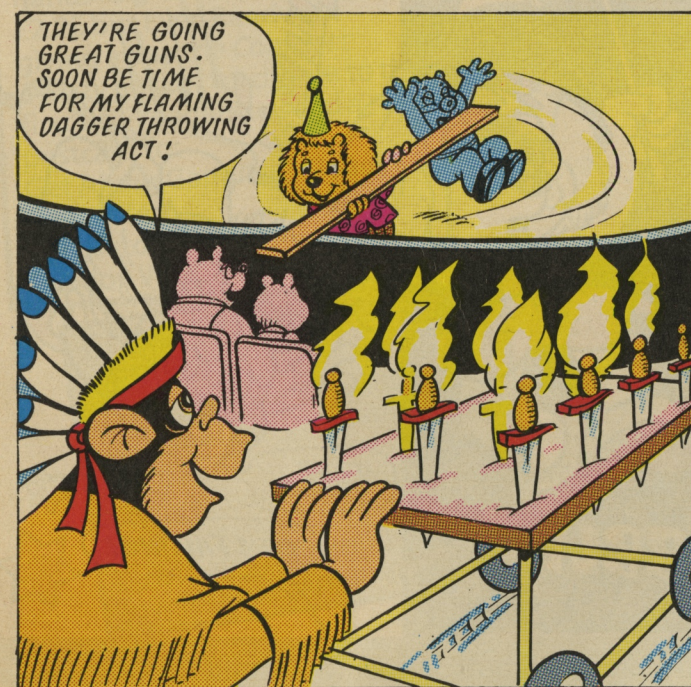
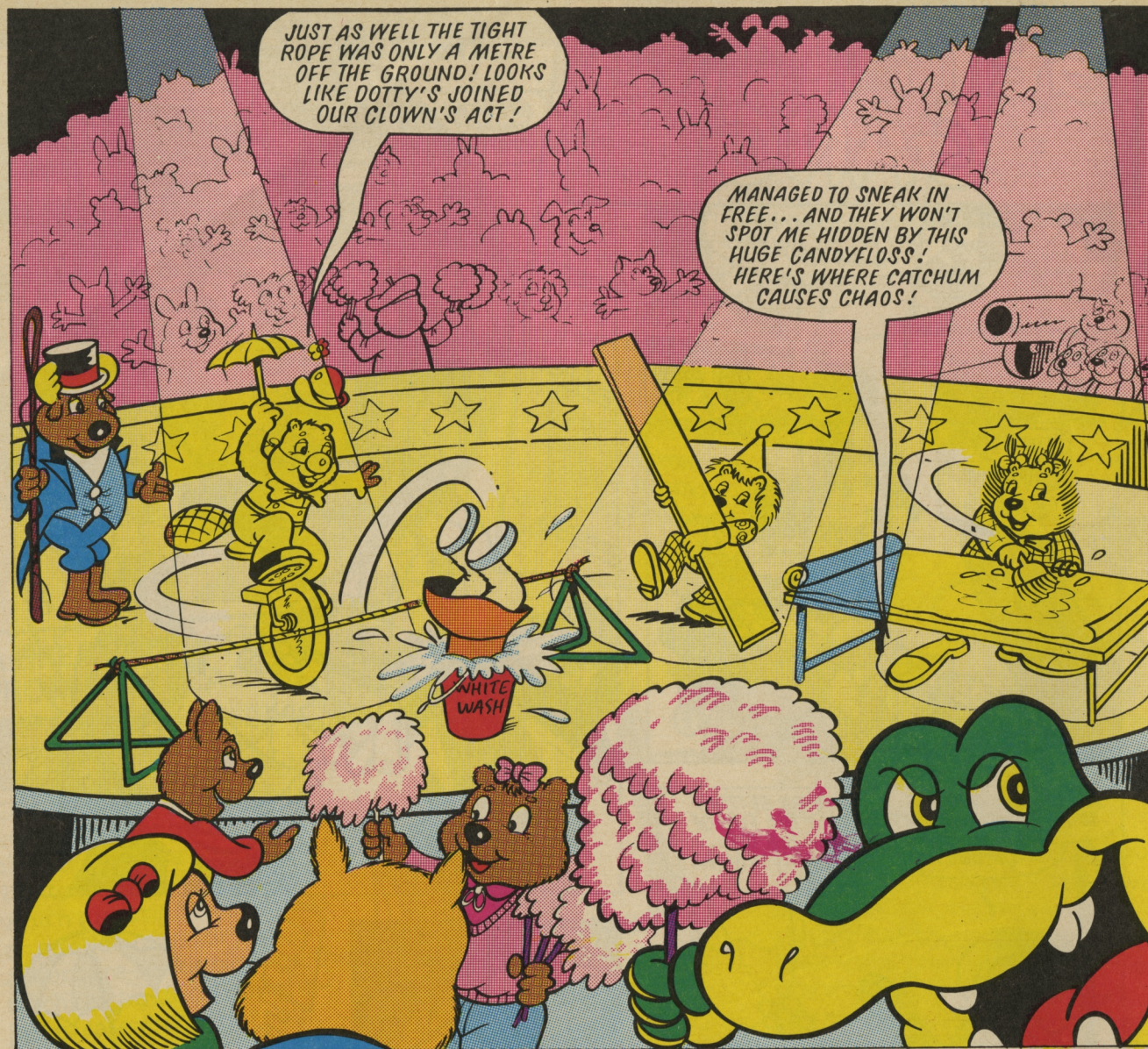
Here is the talented and lucky winner of our Weetabix-PGL Holiday Colouring Competition! Caroline Smith from Netherton in Dudley, will be off on a PGL Holiday! Have a lovely time, Caroline!

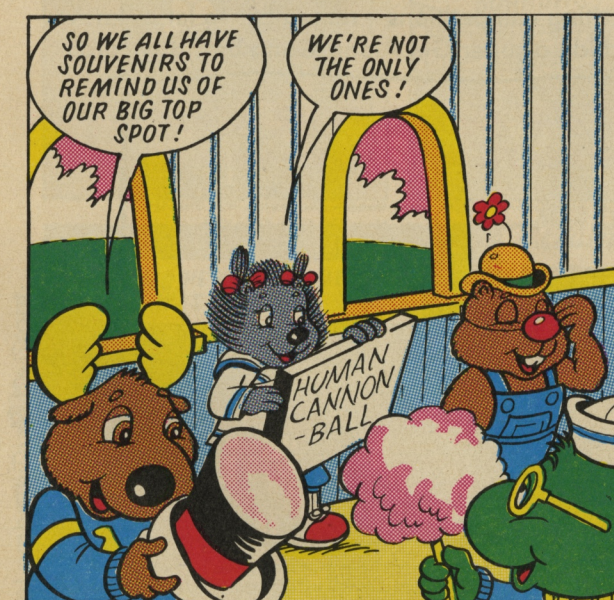
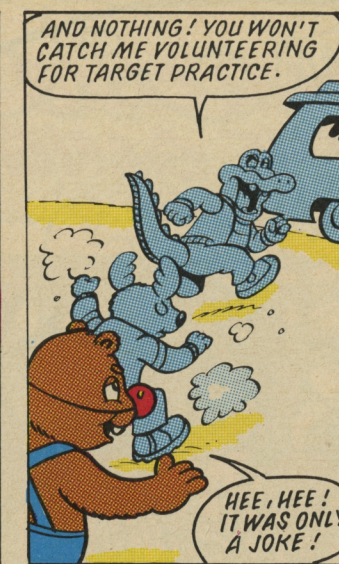
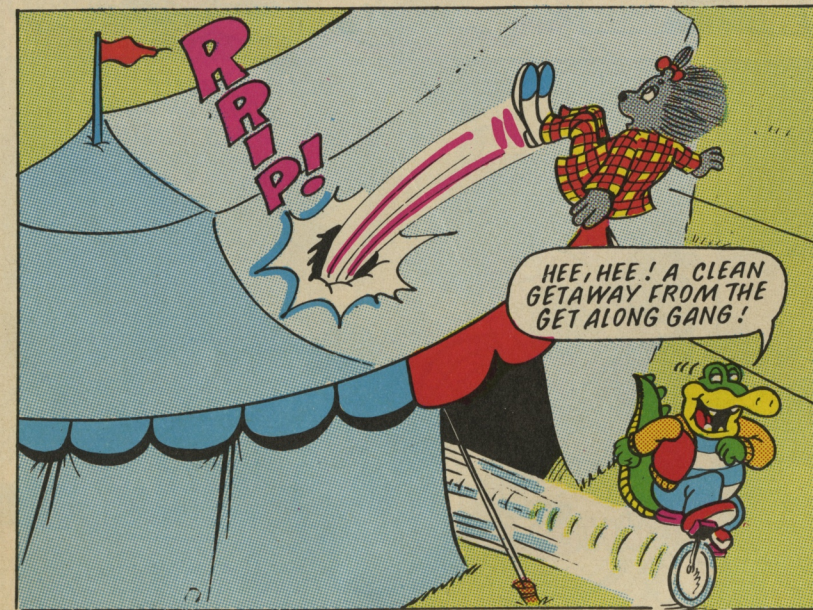
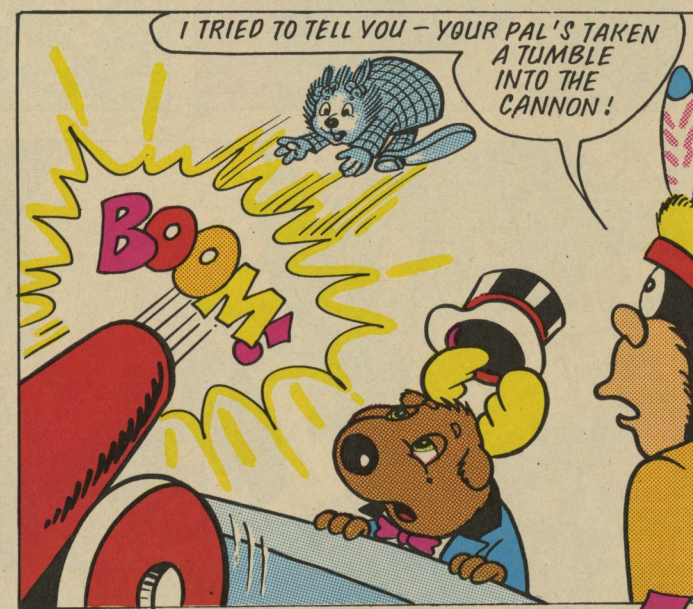
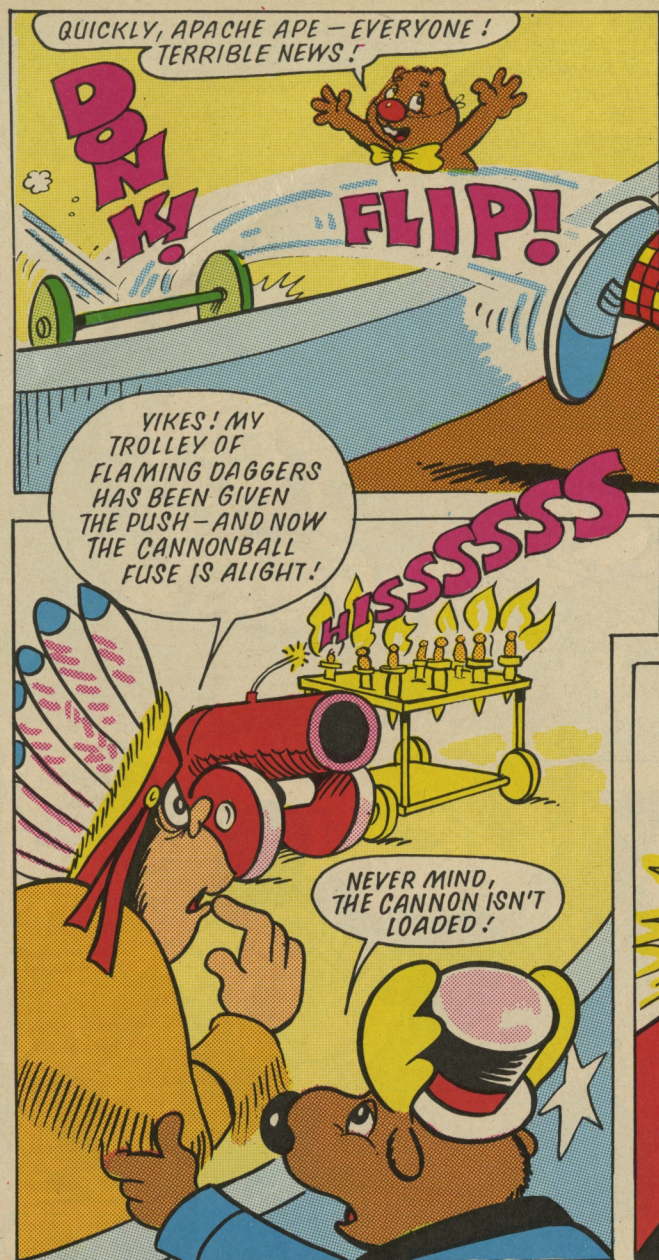
GET ALONG GANG

...IN BIG TOP SPOT!

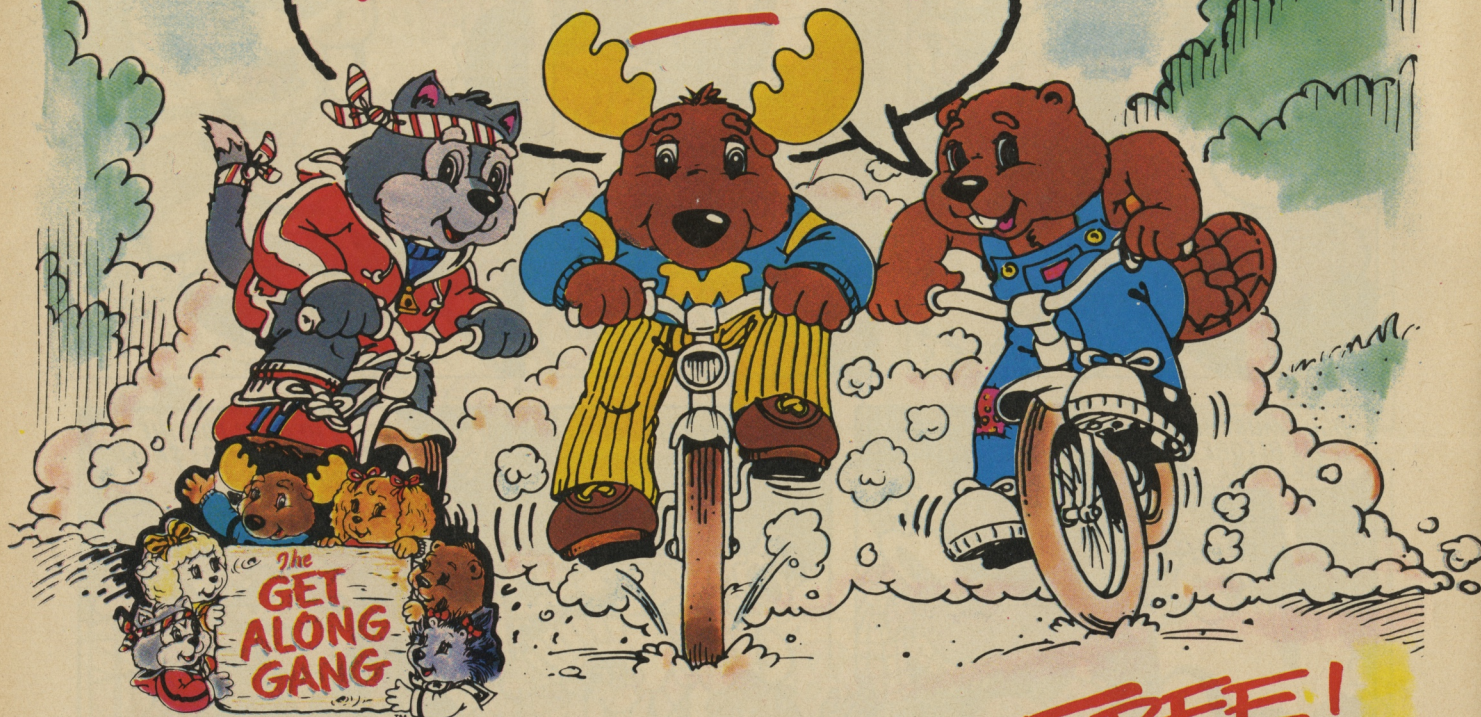


WOBBLE!





**JOIN OUR CLUB
JOIN THE GANG!**



Thousands of kids are already members and you can join too! Speak to your Mum or Dad about joining to make sure they think its a good idea as well. For a membership fee of only £2.50 membership is given for 12 months from the date of joining.

You will receive the Get Along Gang Official Membership Kit packed full of fun – a kit folder, a membership certificate & badge, a full set of 12 character picture cards, a newsletter from Montgomery "Good News" Moose and the Gang, a Club Rule Book containing details on how to start a Get Along Gang Club in your area with membership cards for your friends. The kit also contains the secret club code and a free miniature Get Along Gang character toy.

During the year Montgomery Moose will send your newsletters to let you know about the goings on at Green Meadow, he'll be suggesting fun things to do and setting exciting competitions – remember to let us know your birthday so Montgomery "Good News" Moose can include a super Get Along Gang birthday card.

FREE!

**MINIATURE
TOY
ASSORTED
CHARACTERS**



**LOOK
WHAT YOU GET
WHEN YOU
JOIN OUR
CLUB**



**A FUN CLUB FOR KIDS
COMPLETE AND POST NOW TO:**

The GET ALONG GANG CLUB, Green Meadow, Diss Norfolk, IP22 3HH, U.K.
I enclose £2.50 cheque/PO made payable to Get Along Gang Club.
Please enrol my child as an official member.

Miss/Master:

Address:

Postcode:

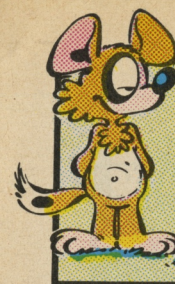
Date of Birth:

Parents Signature:

If more than one of you wishes to enrol please print details on a separate sheet of paper enclosing £2.50 cheque or PO for each new member.



The hilarious adventures of two little field-mice and their country friends!



CLORO AND DIGBY

Driven from their homes by an escaped monkey – the animals decided to spend a night in his empty cage at the circus...

THAT MUST BE THE NAME OF OUR VISITOR... CLORO, YOU CAN READ, WHAT DOES IT SAY?

DUKE DONG... FUNNY NAME FOR A MONKEY REALLY...

FUNNY BY NAME AND FUNNY BY NATURE...

LAST STAGE OF OUR JOURNEY!

POOH! WHAT A PONG! DO CAGES ALWAYS SMELL LIKE THIS?

HOW'S OUR WOUNDED FRIEND!

WITH HIS TINY BRAIN AND SILLY HAT HE'LL PROBABLY WAKE UP ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE OF AN IDIOT THAN BEFORE. NO-ONE WILL NOTICE!

HEY! AS FAR AS FOOD GOES ALL WE'VE GOT IS A DROP OF SOUR MILK AND HALF-EATEN BANANA!

STOP MOANING! WE WON'T BE HERE FOR EVER! IF WE EAT STRAW FOR NOW IT WON'T BE THE END OF THE WORLD AND... IT'S NOT FATTENING!

THAT'S TRUE. AND THE RAIN WILL GIVE US WATER TO DRINK... I THINK IT'S GOING TO POUR!

OTTERS DON'T OFTEN MAKE MISTAKES ABOUT THAT SORT OF THING... THE RAIN FELL FOR HOURS AND HOURS...

THAT POOR MONKEY IN THE WOOD... MIND YOU, BY THE SMELL HE LEFT IN THIS CAGE I THINK HE COULD DO WITH A SHOWER!

HE MAY BE SHELTERING IN ONE OF OUR BURROWS!

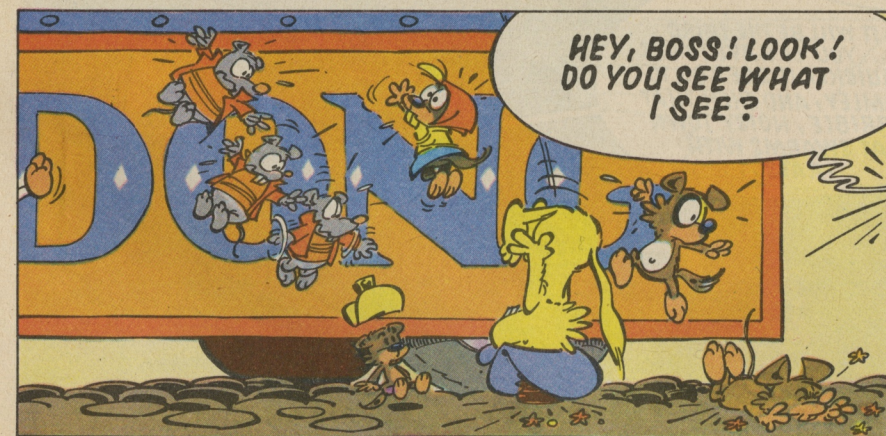
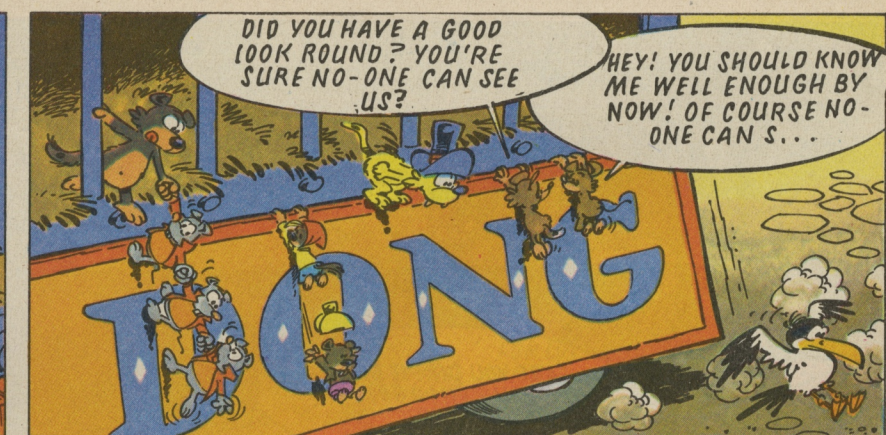
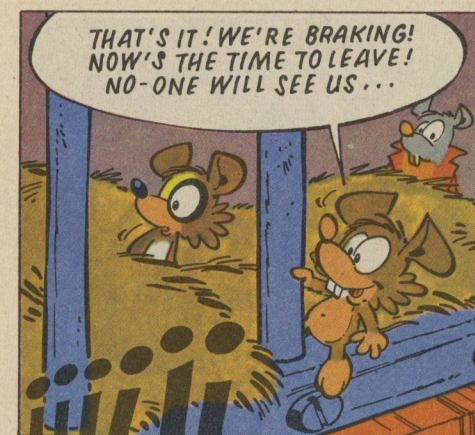
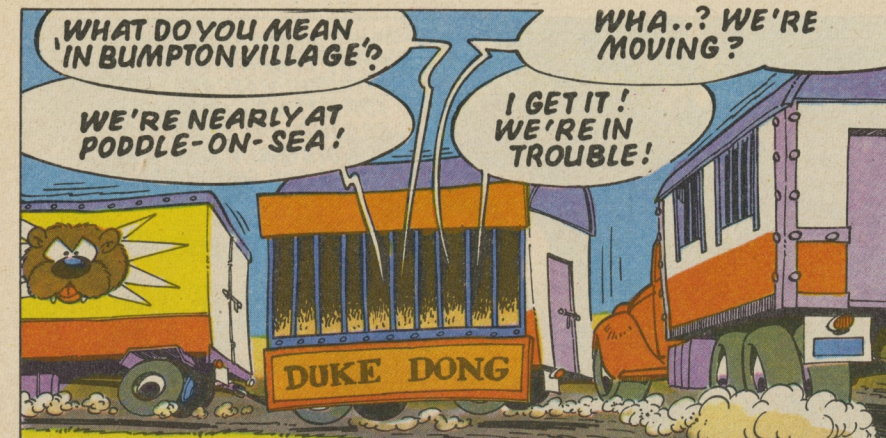
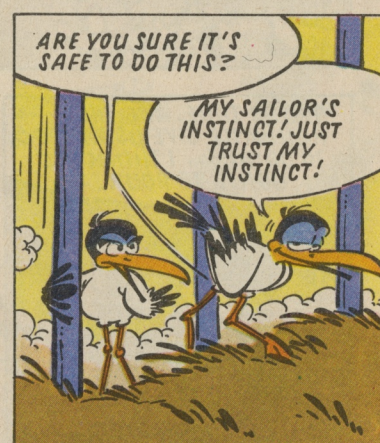
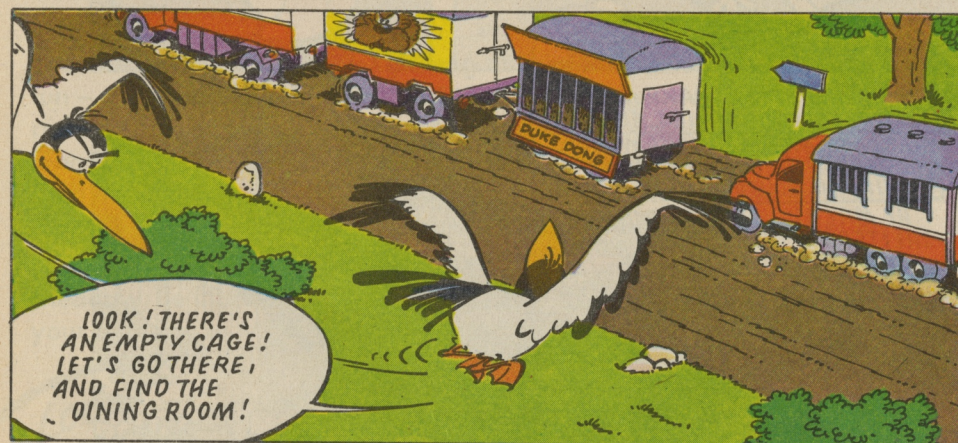
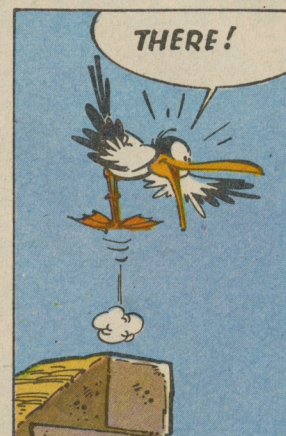
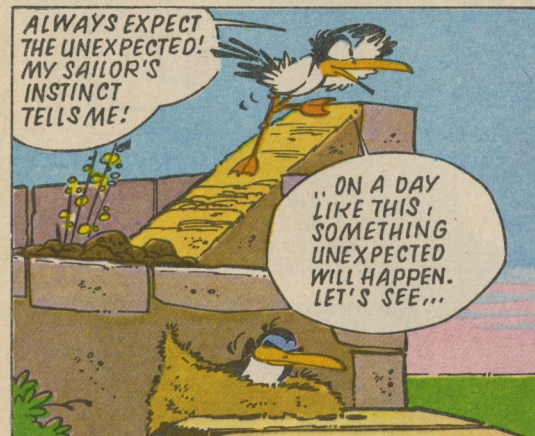
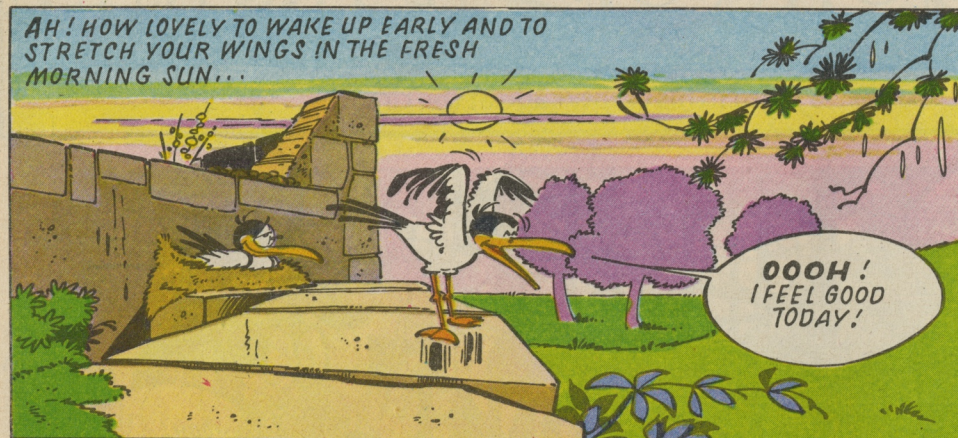
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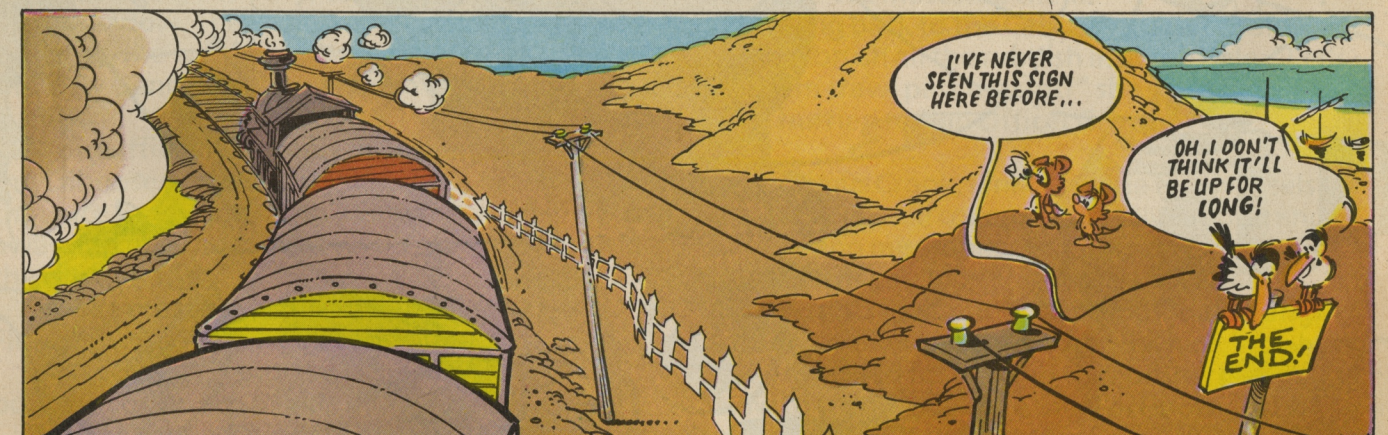
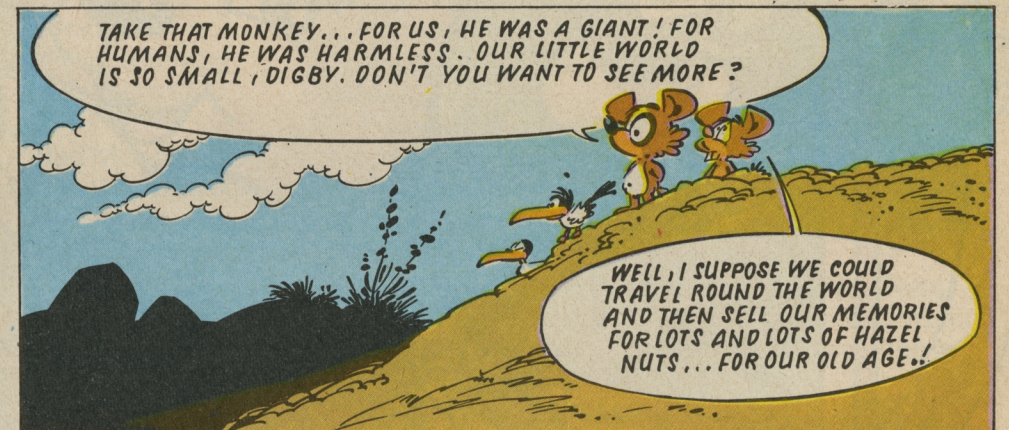
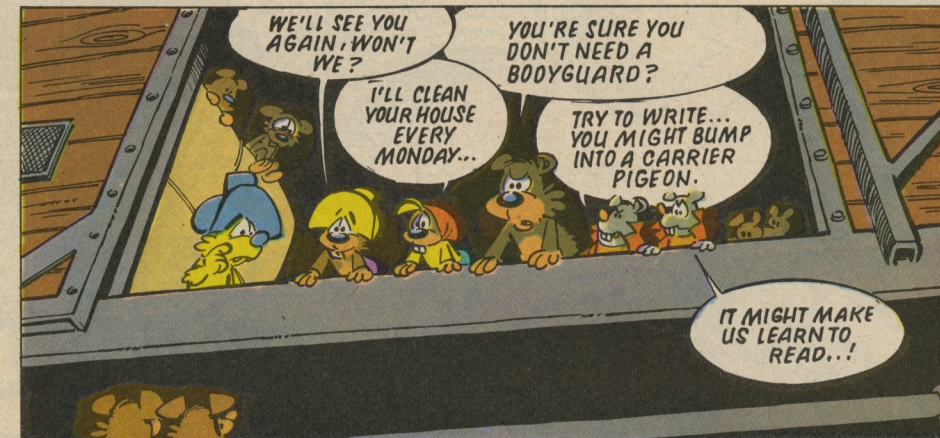
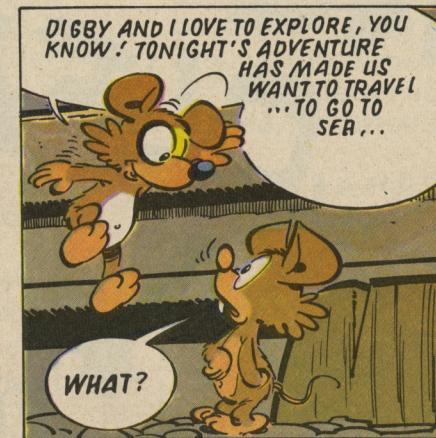
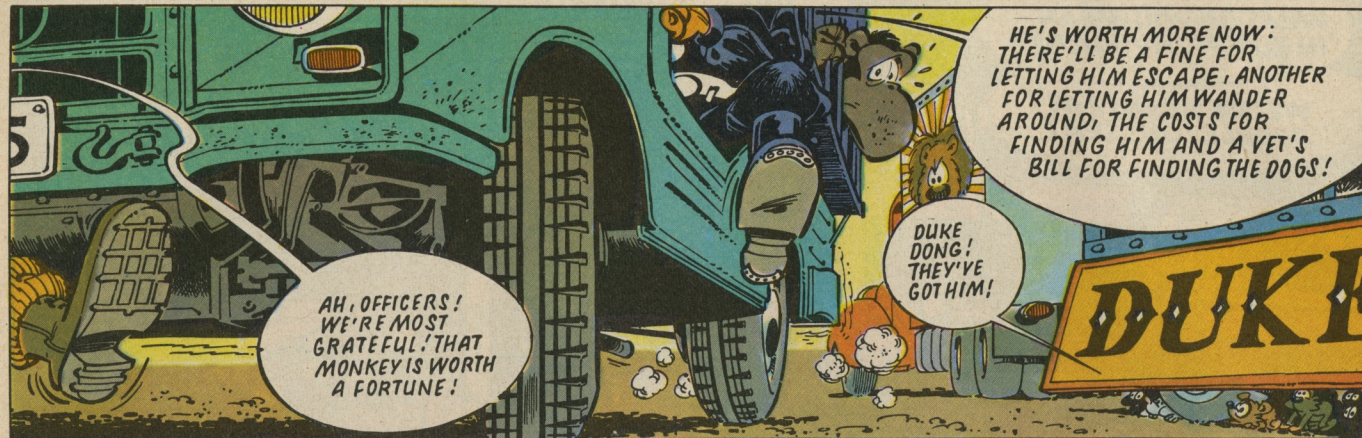
NO HE WASN'T! HE WAS TOO BIG!

GLOBAL CIRCUS

NOTICE TO STAFF

DUE TO THE HEAVY RAIN OUR PERFORMANCE IN BUMPTON VILLAGE WILL BE CANCELLED. WE WILL TRAVEL ON TO THE COAST TONIGHT. W. Barton RINGMASTER





SPRING CLEANING!



By John Gatehouse

"Bernice, where's my sport magazines?" Zipper asked, looking around the sparkling clean Caboose.

"I threw them out. They were cluttering up everywhere."

"And my photographs?" asked Flora. "I left them on the table."

"Sorry. I thought they were rubbish. I put them in the dustbin with Braker's comics and Montgomery's football boots."

"WHAAAAAAT!!" squealed Braker and Montgomery angrily.

"You shouldn't have left them lying around," Bernice said curtly, brushing the carpet with her broom until the Caboose was hidden in a cloud of dust.

"KOFF! I've had enough!" grumbled Bingo, staggering out of the Caboose with his friends. "Bernice is always cleaning up. It's about time she was taught a lesson."

Dotty agreed. "Together we should be able to think up something."

There was an unpleasant surprise waiting for Bernice when she entered the Caboose the next day. The Gang were sitting in a pile of smelly rubbish out of the dustbin and wearing their dirtiest clothes. They were so dirty, it looked as if they hadn't washed for a week and Bernice hardly recognised them.

"How awful!" Bernice cried. "The Caboose is like a pigsty!"

"Yeah, great, innit?!" snuffled Bingo, wiping his nose on his shirt sleeve. "We're fed up with cleanliness. We're gonna be dirty instead."

"It's... it's **DISGUSTING!**" cried the unhappy Bear. "I can't stay in the Caboose while it's like this!" And she ran out again.

"Ha! Ha! Poor Bernice!" chuckled Montgomery. "We're only joking. I couldn't live in this mess for long either."

Zipper agreed. He was already feeling queasy from the smell.

"But maybe now Bernice'll appreciate how tidy we really are," he said.

The pong coming from the Caboose was upsetting the other townfolk of Green Meadow. They complained to Officer Growler who went to investigate. When he saw the dirty Gang, he mistook them for a gang of tramps.

"You ruffians!" he roared, pushing them out of the Caboose towards the jail. "Fancy breaking into that nice Get Along Gang's Caboose while they're away and making such a mess. You'll do a week in the clink for this!"

"W-We are the Get Along Gang!" squeaked Flora, trying to rub the dirt and grime off her face.

"A likely story," snorted Growler. "They're a polite, clean bunch of kids."

The Gang soon found themselves locked up in a cold prison cell.

"Our gag's backfired," groaned Bingo.

Septimus Crook and his henchman, Pinky, were in the cell next to the Gang for trying to rob the Green Meadow bank. Pinky snorted angrily. "Our men are digging an escape tunnel to break us outta here! If they arrive while these tramps are around, those smelly 'orrors will squeal on us!"

"They'd better not!" snarled Septimus. "Cos if they do, it's curtains for 'em!"

"Ha! Ha! What are you jailbirds doing in there?" Bernice had been passing by the jail when she saw the Gang through the barred windows.

"Please, Bernice, get us out of here," pleaded her friends.

Bernice hurried away, returning with a garden hose which she connected to the street tap. "I'm going to enjoy this!" she chuckled and turned on the tap.

"WAAAAAAAAAAHH!" spluttered the Gang as a jet of cold water squirted through the bars and drenched them from head to foot. It wasn't long before they were clean again, if somewhat soggy.

"Er, Officer Growler," Dotty called through the bars of the cell door. "I think we've got some explaining to do."

"Cor! Officer Growler wasn't too pleased with our gag!" grinned Zipper. "He gave us a right telling off."

"Serves you right," laughed Bernice.

The Gang set to work cleaning up the Caboose and piling the rubbish outside. Then Flora noticed a large hole in the ground.

"Where did this come from?" she asked.

"Hey! Gerrouttavit!" snarled a nasty-looking weasel.

"SCRAM!" snapped another and then they both slipped down the hole and disappeared.

"What are they up to?" Bingo frowned.

"No good, I'll bet," said Montgomery. "C'mon, let's follow 'em."

By putting their ears to the ground, the Gang could hear the weasels moving along the tunnel. When they reached the outside of the jail Zipper gasped, "They're breaking in!"

"Twit! They're breaking someone out!" said Bernice. "We must stop them."

Running back to the Caboose, Bernice told the Gang to brush all the rubbish into the hole. "Let's see them crawl past that lot!" she smiled. The Gang hurried to find Officer Growler.

Septimus Crook, Pinky and the two weasels sat in the jail cell covered in smelly rubbish and looking miserable.

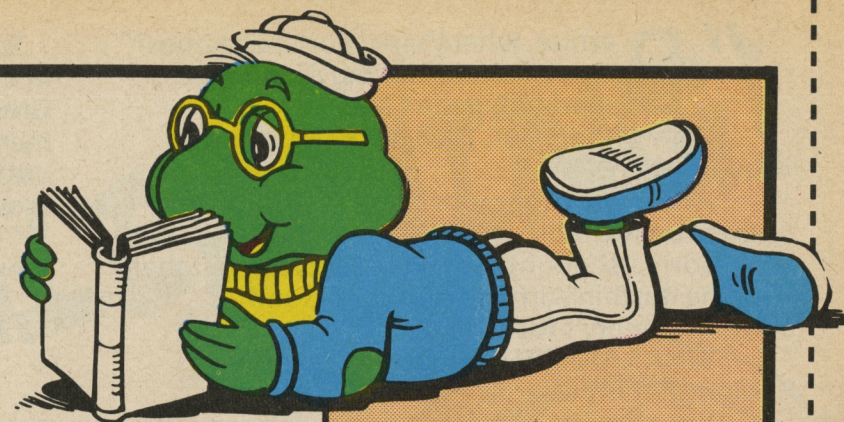
"Which of you twits dug the escape tunnel under a rubbish dump?!" Septimus roared angrily.

"If only they knew!" laughed Bernice, who had been rewarded for helping to capture the villains. "Now to treat you all to a meal at Hoofnagel's."

"You really cleaned up this time," Montgomery grinned. "But you won't be hearing any complaints from us!"

AS EASY AS

ABC



Nancy Pure. Also Nan.

Naomi Charming, delightful.

Nathaniel Gift of God.

Neil An old Gaelic name meaning *Champion!*

Nicolas Victory. Also Nicola, Colin.

Nigel A name all the way from Iceland, meaning *black, dark.*

Nina A Spanish name meaning *young girl.* Also Nena, Ninette.

Noel Christmas. Sometimes given to children who are born on or near Christmas Day. Also Natalie.

Norman An old English name meaning *Man from the North.* Also Norma.

Nye Islander.

book choice

THE THREE NAUGHTY SISTERS MEET LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD



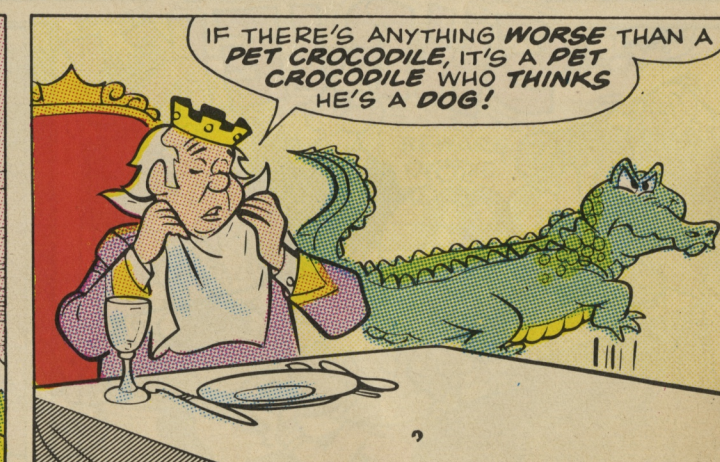
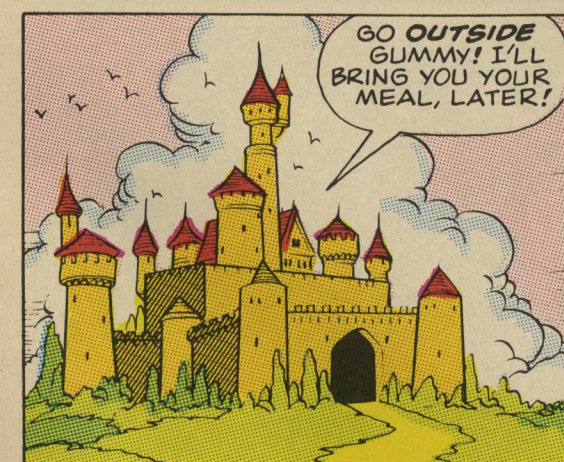
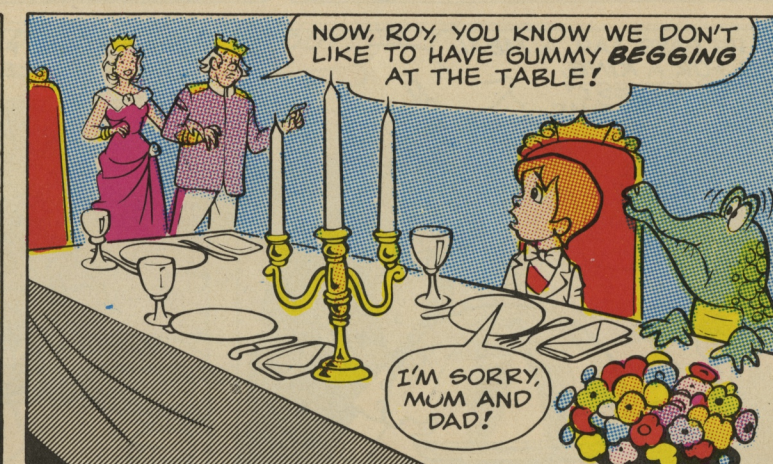
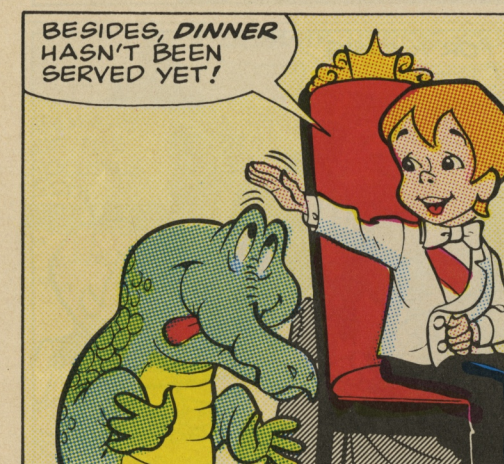
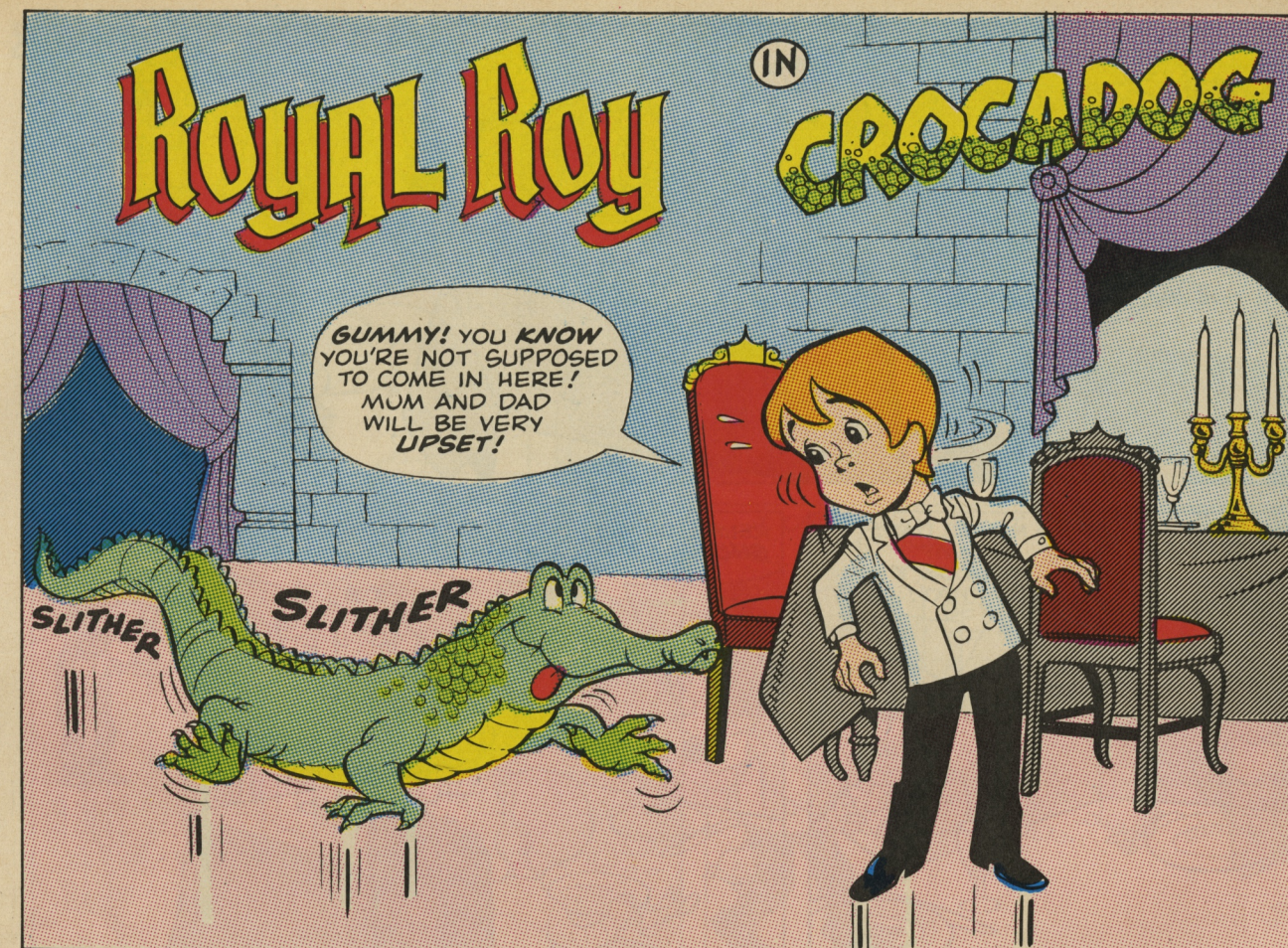
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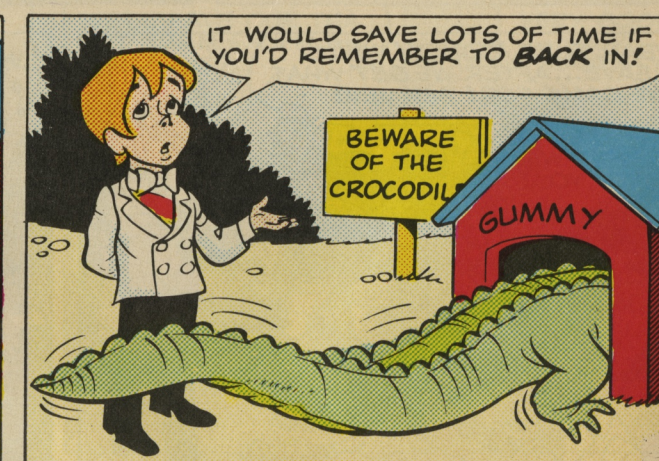
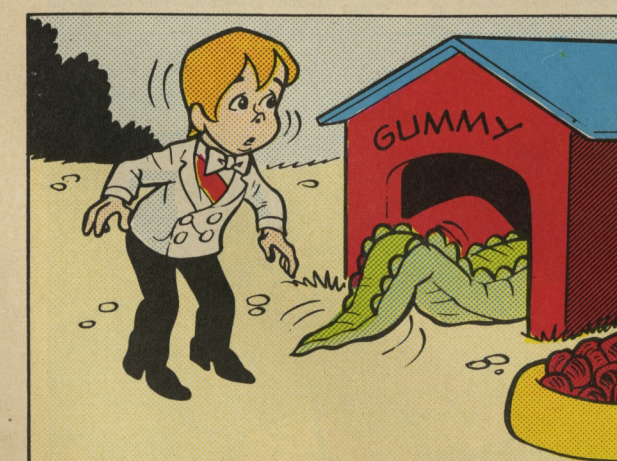
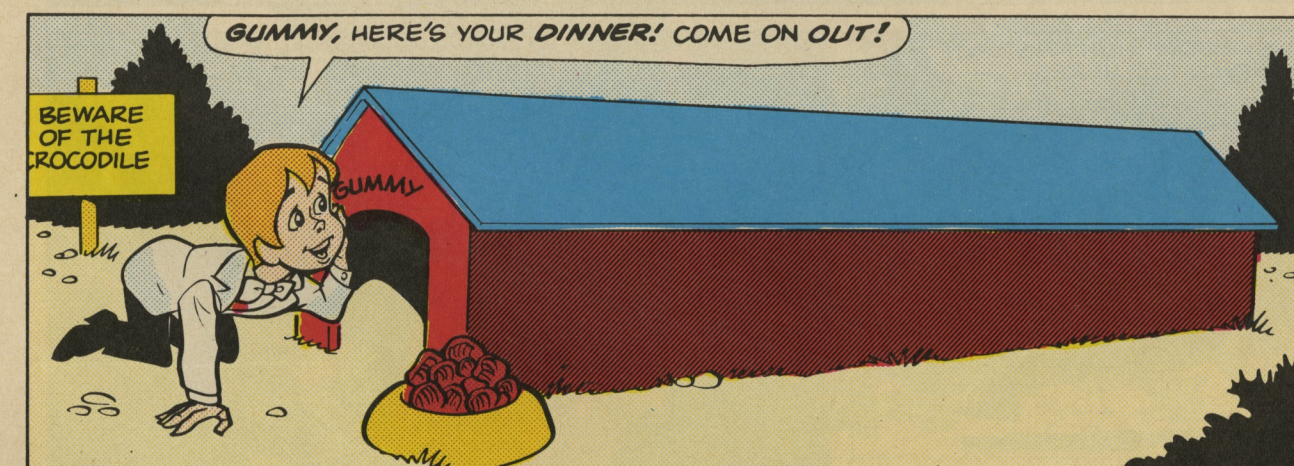
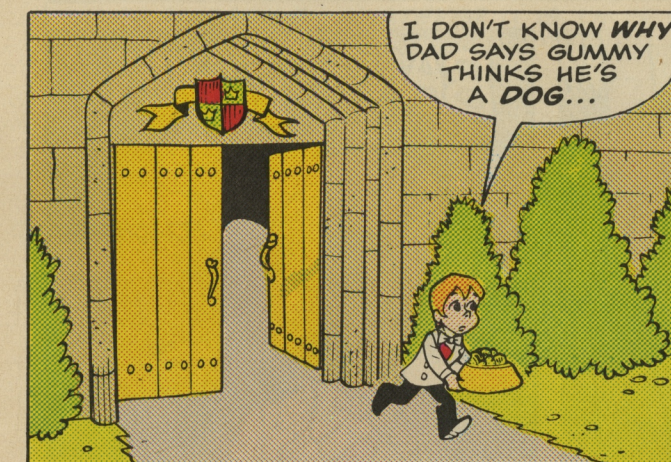
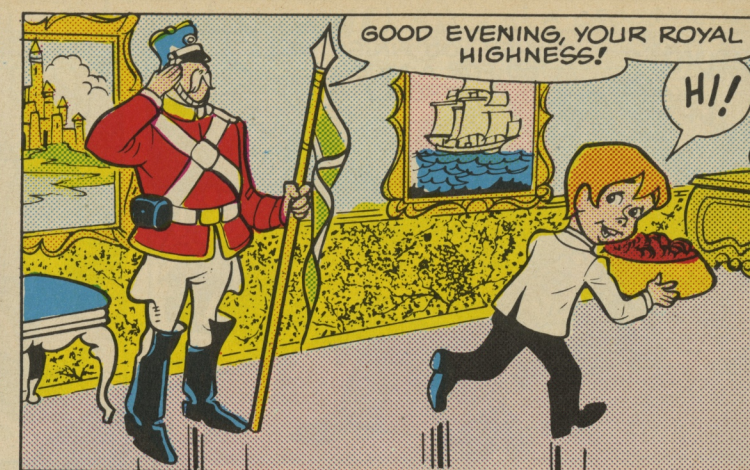
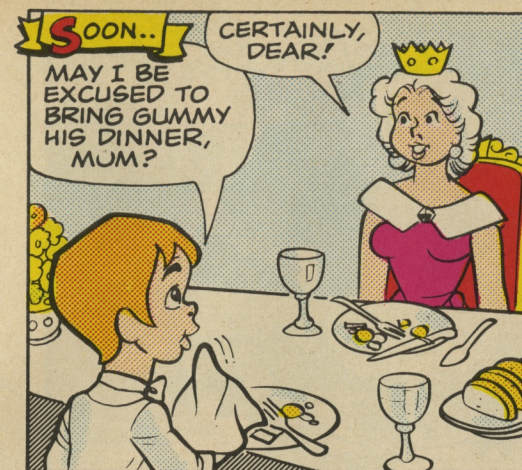
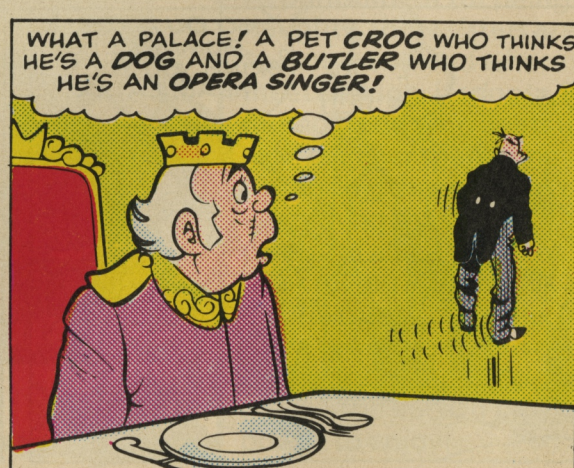
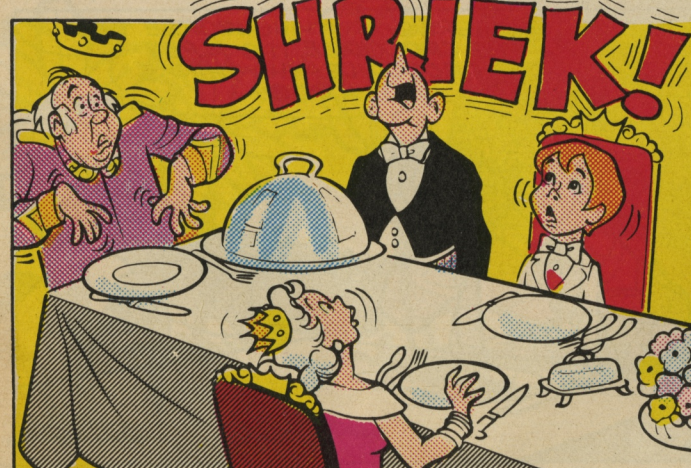
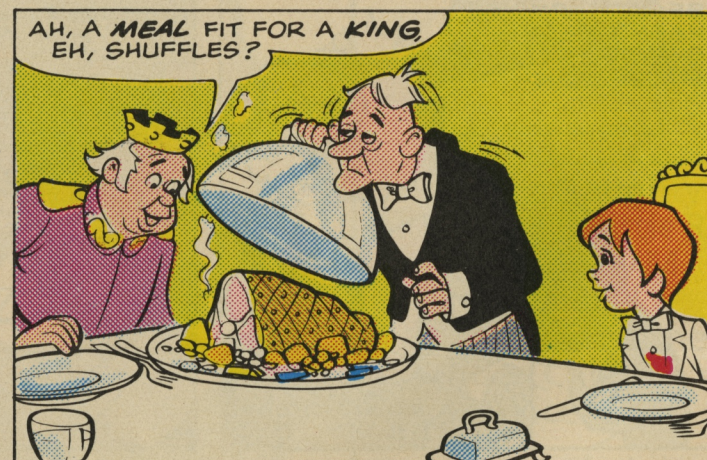
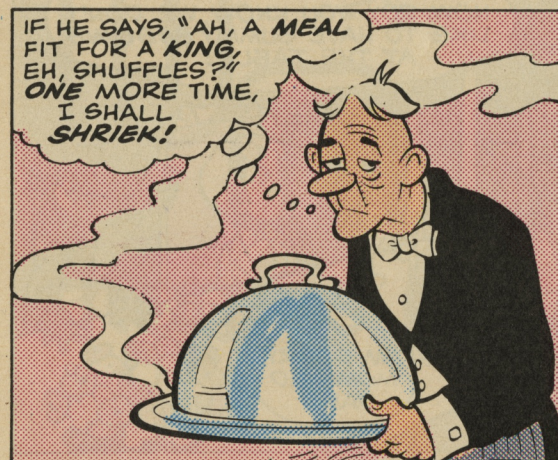
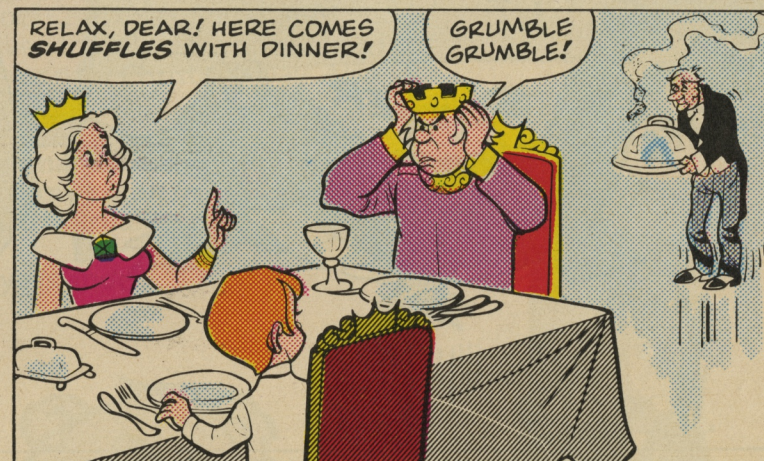
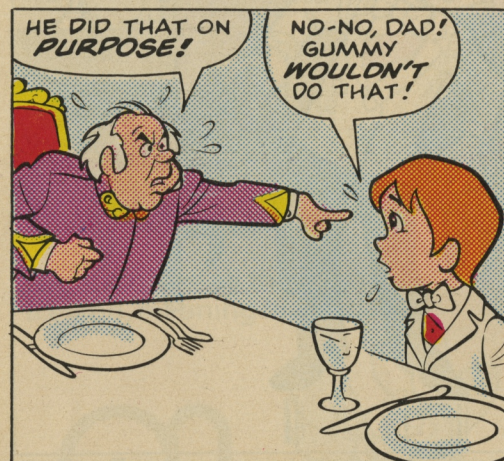
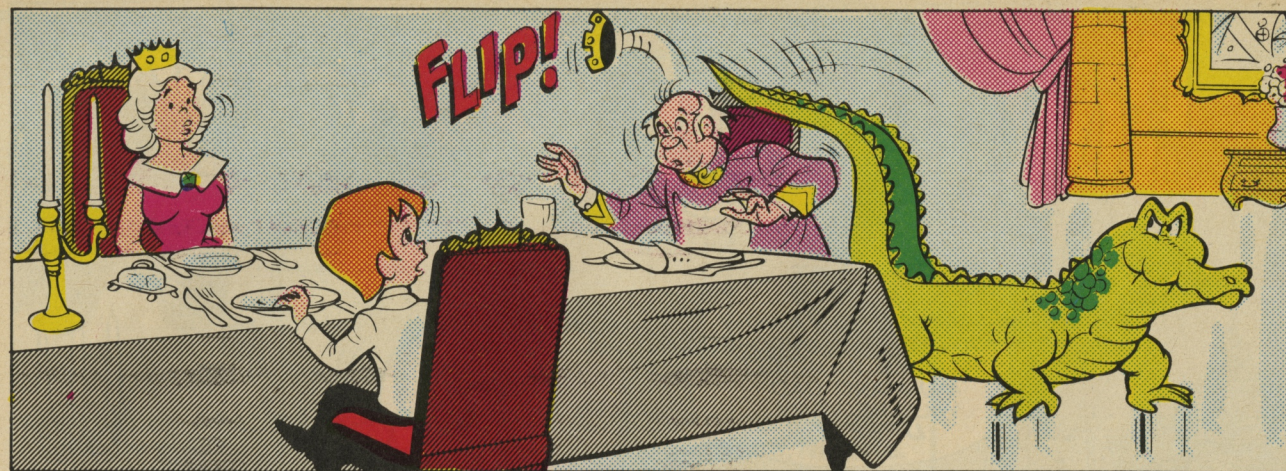
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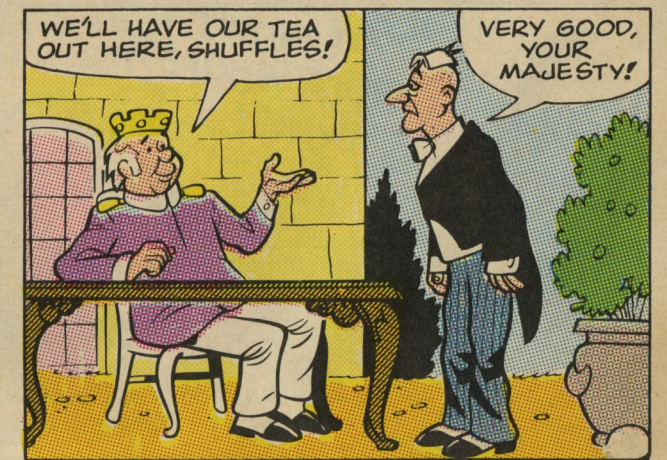
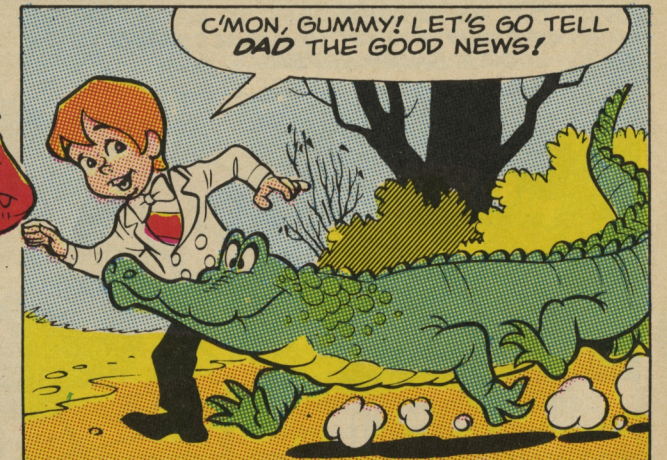
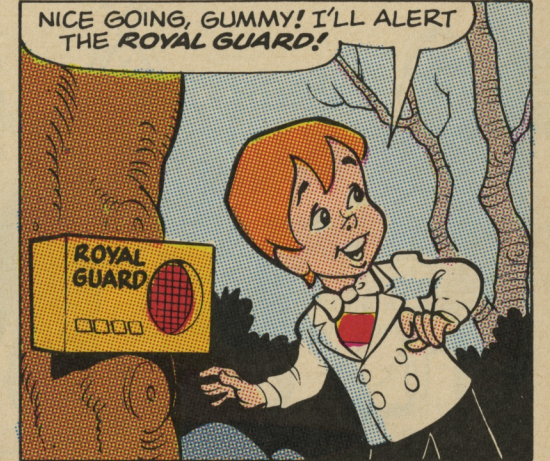
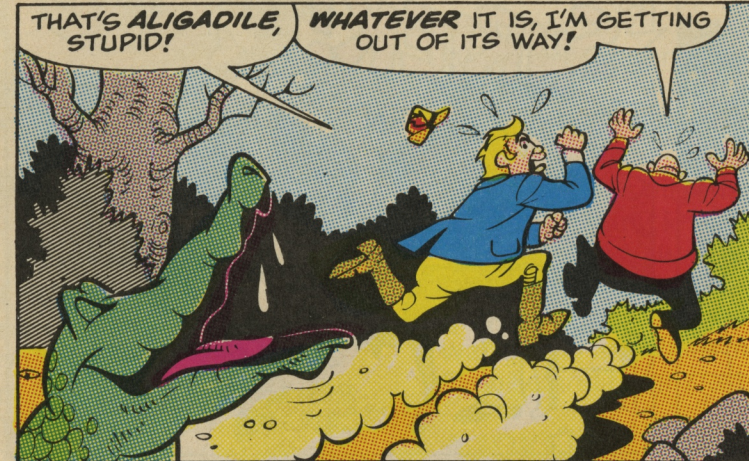
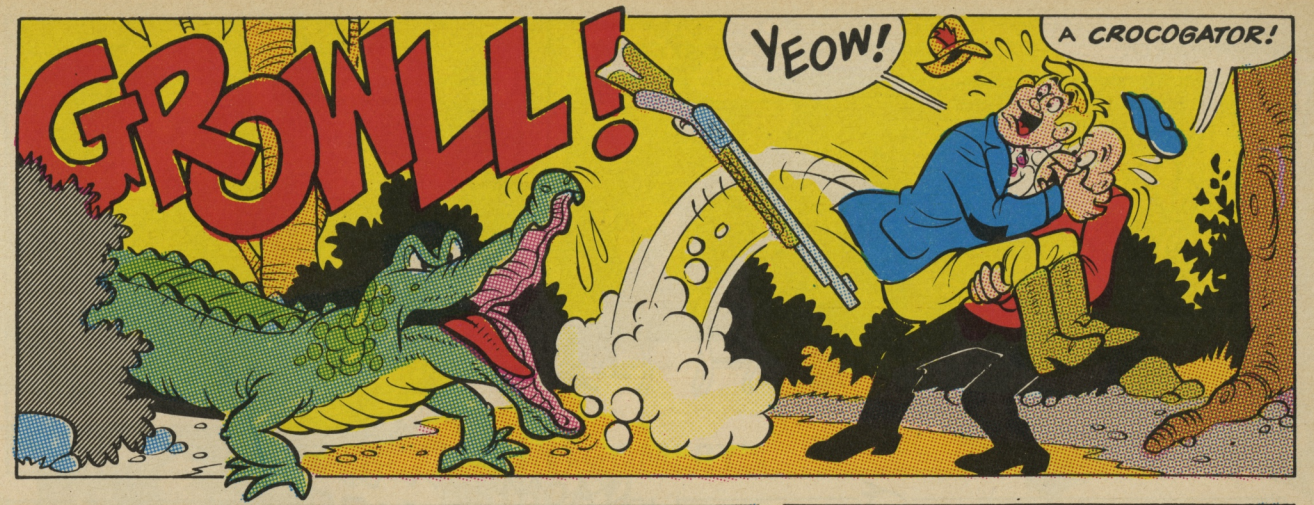
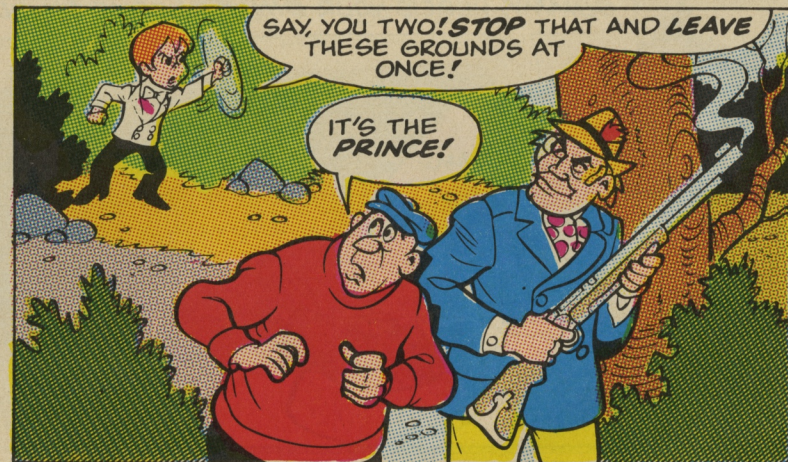
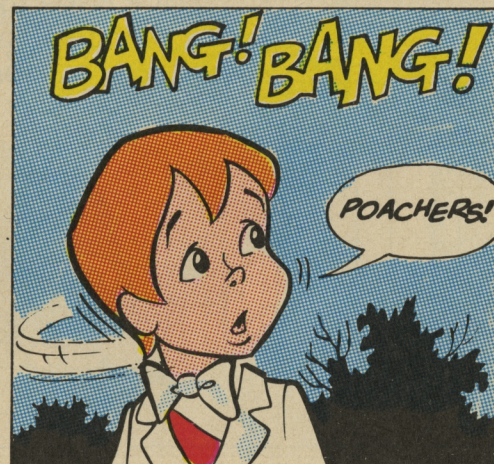
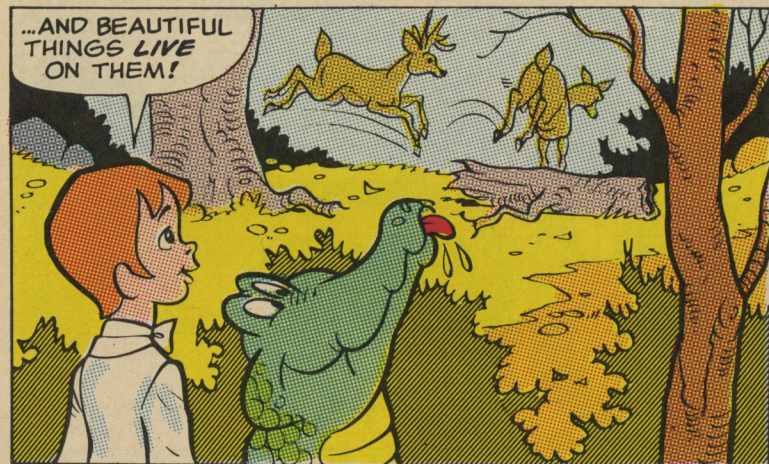
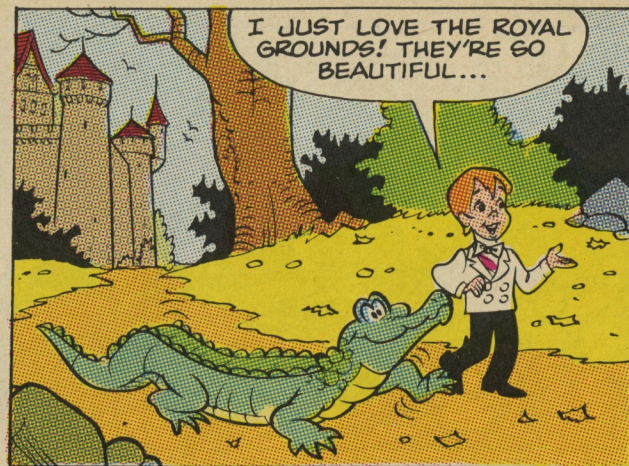
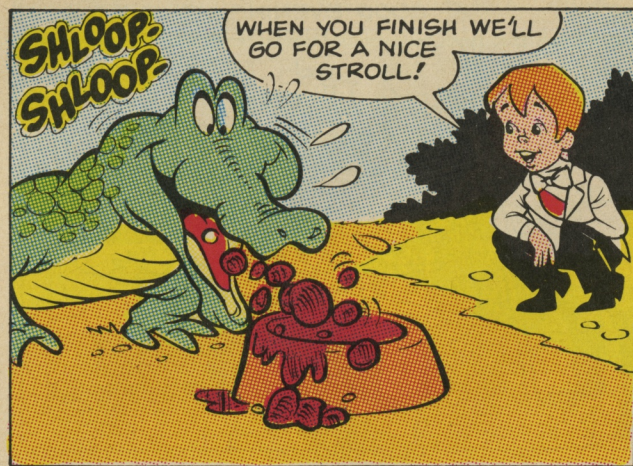
As punishment for being so naughty, three sisters are sent to Storybookland where they meet a tough, if snooty, Red Riding Hood who beats up wolves in her spare time – and a grandmother who isn't everything she seems! A colourful and entertaining book giving a fresh look at an old, favourite fairy tale. Inside, there are more surprises – magic doors and windows to open, little mice to find and a puzzle to enjoy!

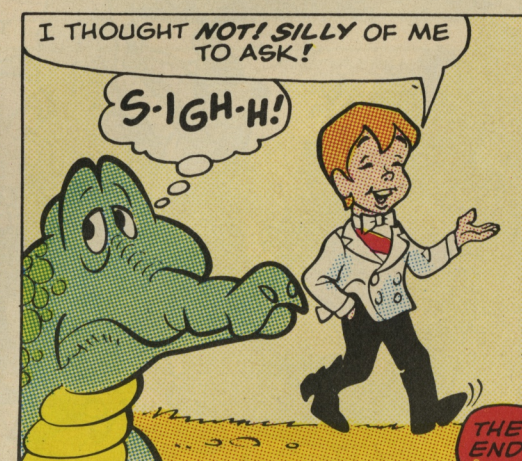
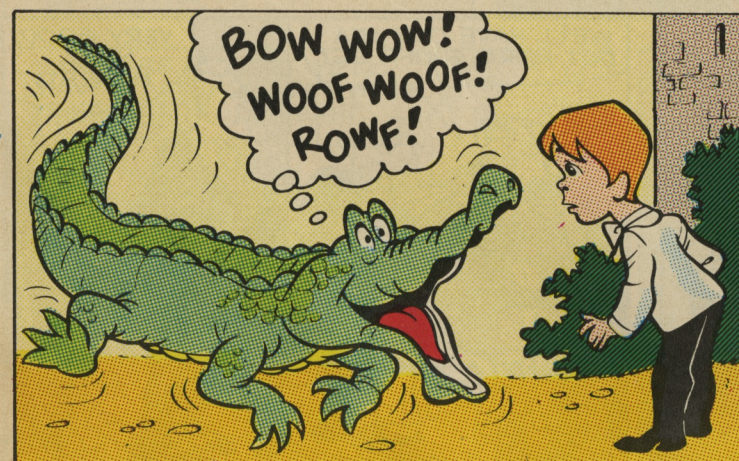
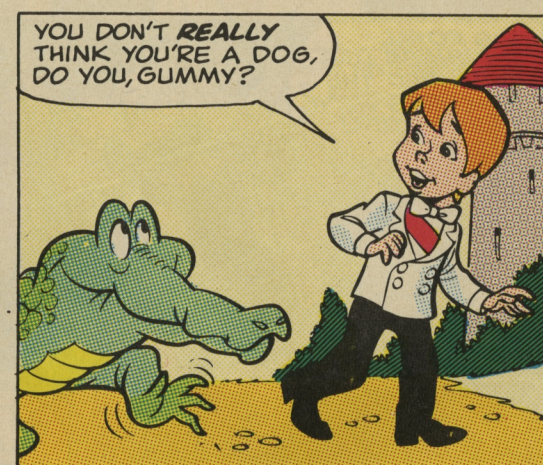
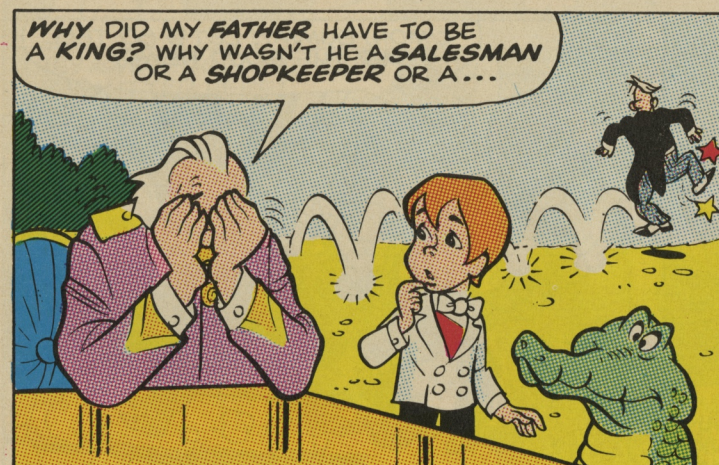
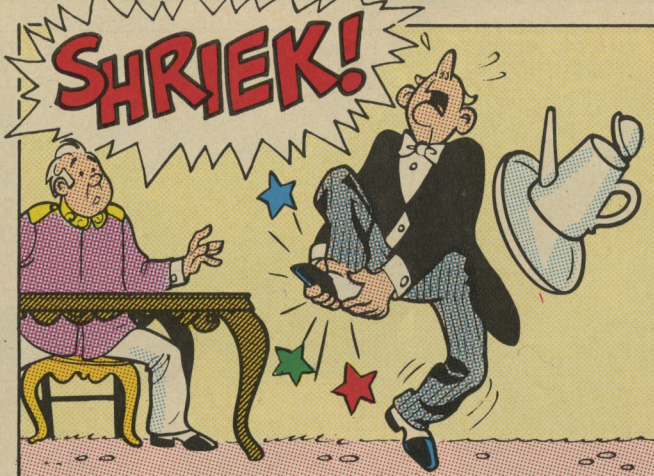
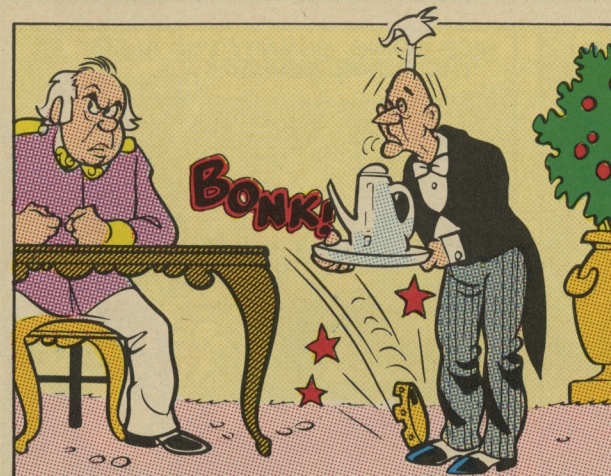
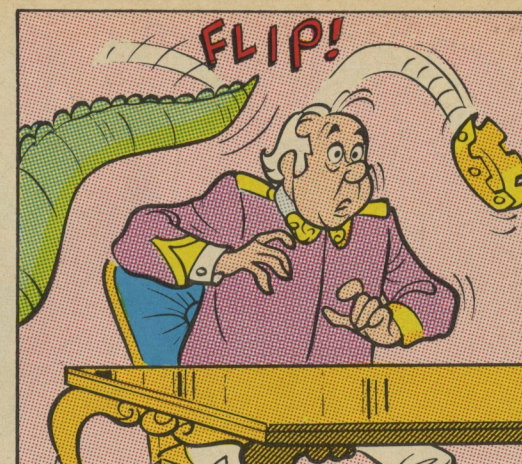
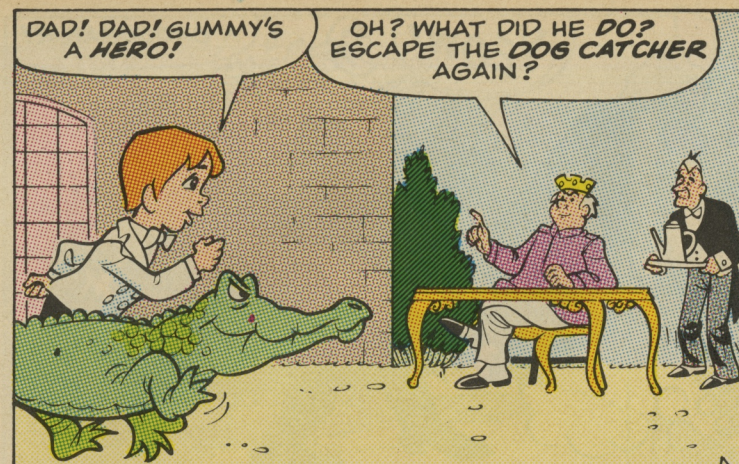


Cut out and collect!









Next week: The mystery of the missing crown!

LETTERS TO

GUMMY FOOT SWAMP

MONTGOMERY'S BIRTHDAY!

Dear Catchum,
When is Montgomery's birthday?

Stephen Preston

Montgomery's birthday is on July 16th. I don't know why you want to know when his birthday is. He's just a goody-goody. No one ever wants to know when mine is. Even Leland forgot last year!

A JOKE!

Doctor, doctor. I feel like a sheep!
How do you feel?

Ba-a-a-a-d!

Carla Ferguson

RAINBOW JELLIES

Dear Catchum,
Here is a recipe for Rainbow Jellies! You will need one red jelly, one orange jelly, one yellow jelly and one green jelly. Make up the jellies separately. Then cut them into cubes and put the colourful mixture into tall glasses. Just before serving, put a scoop of ice-cream on top.

Nicola Rowe

Yum! I've given this recipe to Mr Hoofnagle!

Victoria Flynn who will be 5 and Kelly Clark who will be 10.

FRIDAY

Stephanie Jones who will be 2, Katie Walters who will be 9, Naomi Ware who will be 4, Emma Whorwood who will be 6 and Rebecca Waterson who will be 5.

BIRTHDAY PEOPLE!

SATURDAY

Martin Crabtree who will be 6, Yvonne Concannon who will be 10, Martyn Bowdler who will be 6, Julie Dawn Williams who will be 9 and Andrew Cornell who will be 7.

SUNDAY

Andrew Parkill who will be 5, Laura Smith who will be 8, Rebecca Avery who will be 4, Elizabeth Theobald who will be 9, Charlotte Bryan who will be 2 and Victoria Baines who will be 10.

MONDAY

Lee Westgarth who will be 4, Sarah Bull who will be 9, Ian Denny who will be 7, Abbi Moorhouse who will be 9.

TUESDAY

Donna-Marie Baldson who will be 6 and Philip Ash who will be very old.

WEDNESDAY

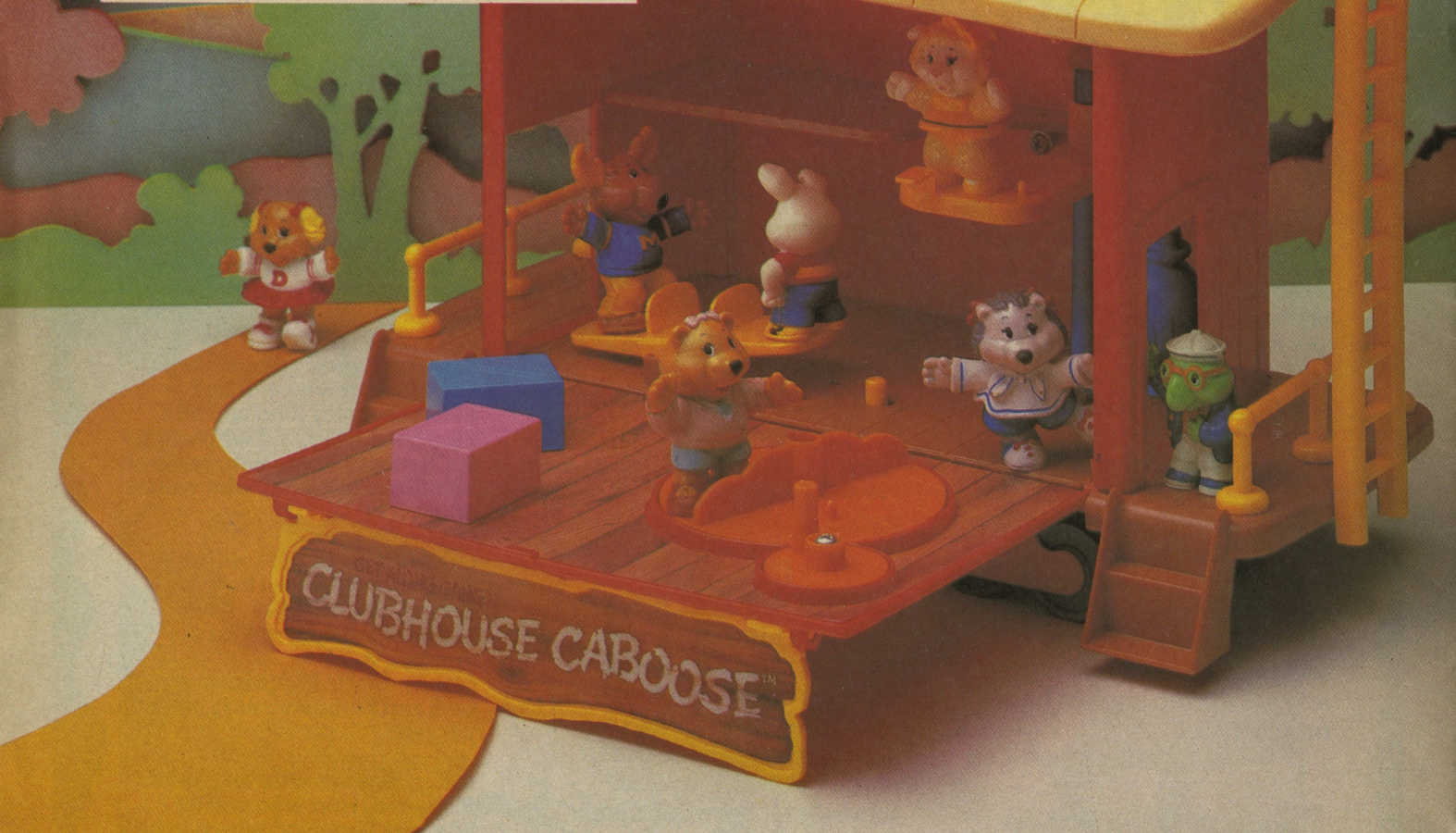
Stuart Haynes who will be 10, Richard Evison who will be 7, Rowena Thomson who will be 9, James Houghton who will be 5, Erica Linton who will be 8, Clare Creel who will be 11.

THURSDAY

Laura Merryweather who will be 2, Debbie Cartwright who will be 5, Rebecca's mum, Joyce Crang, Annabel Rimmington who will be 7, Stuart Tuck who will be 6, Gavin Nicholl who will be 8,

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Gummyfoot Swamp.
Marvel Comics.
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